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Examiner: Pedro Philogene

In re Appln. of: ROY K. GREENBERG et al.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME
5,397,365	03/14/1995	Trentacosta
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NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS		
Office Action Dated February 22, 2008, Corresponding to U.S. Serial No. 10/828,094		
Office Action Dated January 11, 2008, Corresponding to U.S. Serial No. 10/814,018		
Office Action Dated June 3, 2008, Corresponding to U.S. Serial No. 10/814,089		
Office Action Dated October 30, 2007, Corresponding to U.S. Serial No. 10/814,989		

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary.

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37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant has enclosed a check covering this fee, or authorized charging the fee to a deposit account or credit card, as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

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